

WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

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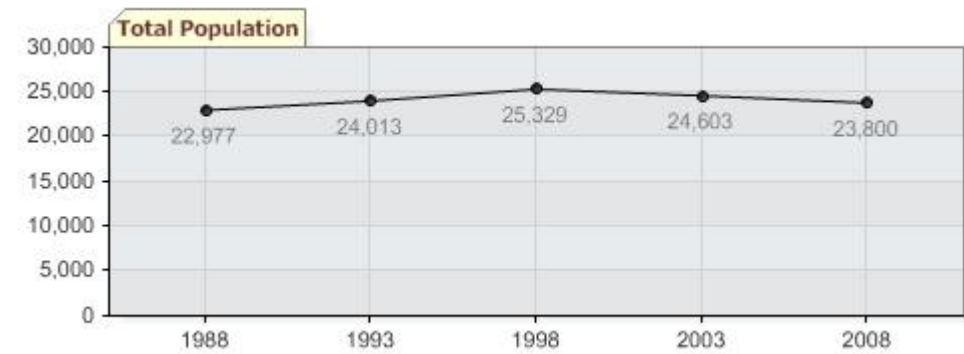
Location

White County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Tippecanoe. White borders Cass and Carroll Counties to the east, Pulaski County is to the north, and Benton and Jasper to the west. White County is one of the 12 counties located in the area designated by the State of Indiana as Indiana Economic Growth Region 4.

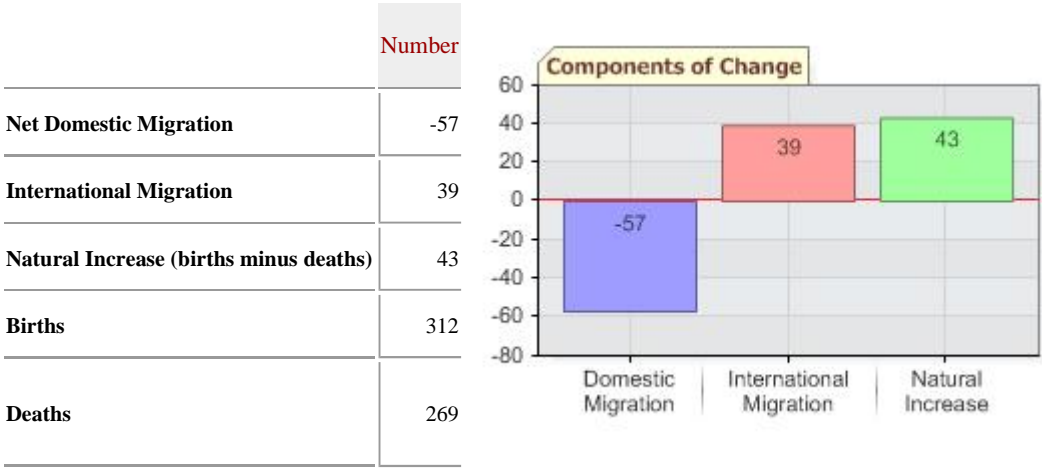
Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	22,977	24,013	25,329	24,603	23,800
Change Since 1988		1,036	2,352	1,626	823
Pct. Change Since 1988		4.5%	10.2%	7.1%	3.6%



Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

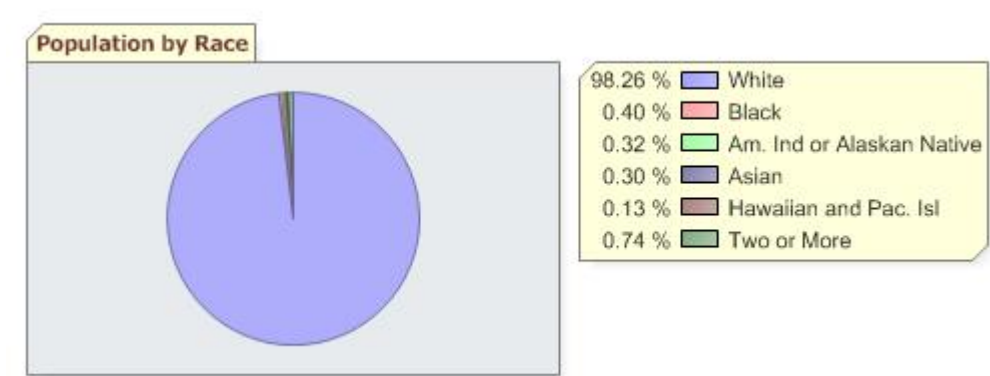


Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,552	6.5%
School Age	4,156	17.5%
College Age	1,697	7.1%
Young Adult	5,935	25.0%
Older Adult	6,508	27.4%
Older (65 plus)	3,971	16.7%

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	75	0.3%
Asian Alone	72	0.3%
Black Alone	94	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	30	0.1%
White Alone	23,373	98.3%
Two or More Race Groups	175	0.7%



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	22,019	92.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1,800	7.6%

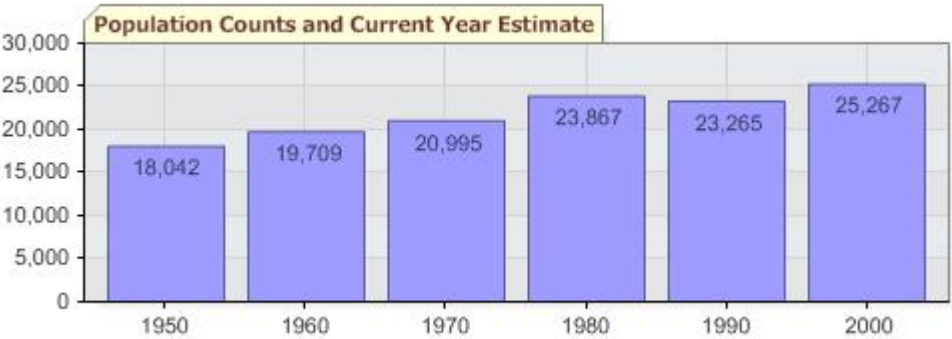
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	9,727	100.0%
Family Households	7,093	72.9%
Married with Children	2,409	24.8%
Married without Children	3,463	35.6%
Single Parents	743	7.6%
Other	478	4.9%
Non-family Households	2,634	27.1%
Living Alone	2,198	22.6%
Average Household Size	2.59	
Average Family Household Size	3.56	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

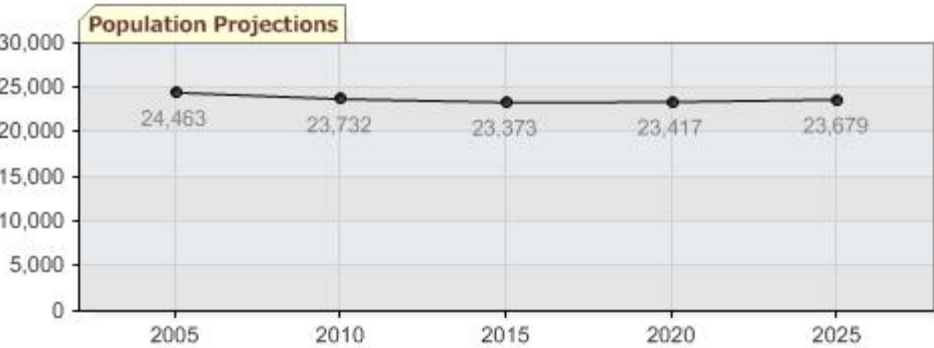
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,042	NA	NA
1960	19,709	1,667	9.2%
1970	20,995	1,286	6.5%
1980	23,867	2,872	13.7%
1990	23,265	-602	-2.5%
April 2000	25,267	2,002	8.6%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

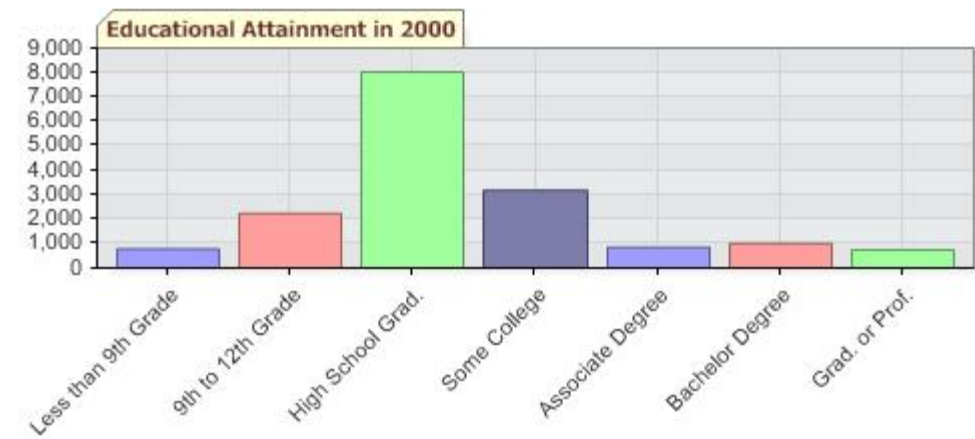
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	24,463	23,732	23,373	23,417	23,679
Change Since 2005		-731	-1,090	-1,046	-784
Pct. Change Since 2005		-3.0%	-4.5%	-4.3%	-3.2%



Education

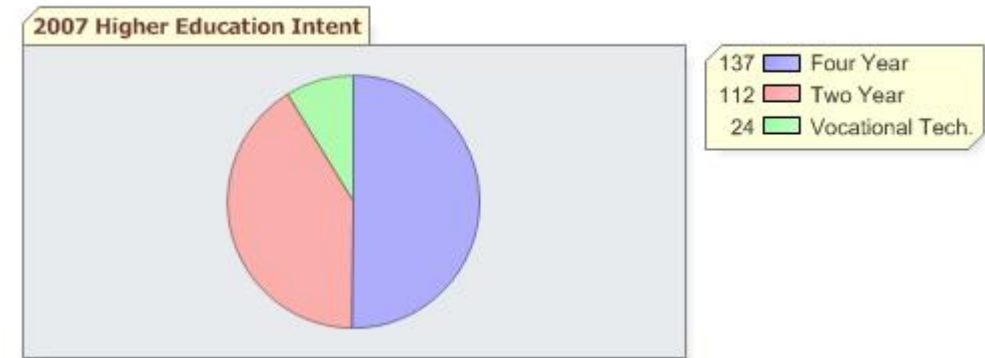
The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	11,935	14,310	15,292	16,829
Less than 9th Grade	2,867	2,224	1,041	781
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,382	2,546	2,342	2,234
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	5,169	6,885	7,301	8,021
Some College, No Degree			2,072	3,181
Associate Degree			894	851
Bachelors Degree			852	1,014
Graduate or Professional Degree			790	747



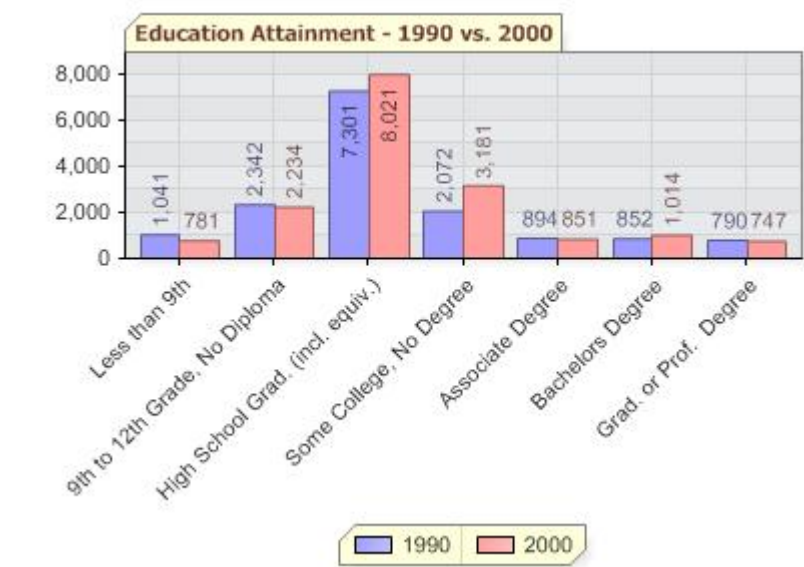
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education				
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	349	305	293	312
Total to Higher Education	288	264	240	273
Four-Year Institution	153	150	140	137
Two-Year Institution	91	84	61	112
Vocational/Tech.	44	30	39	24
Military	16	18	11	8



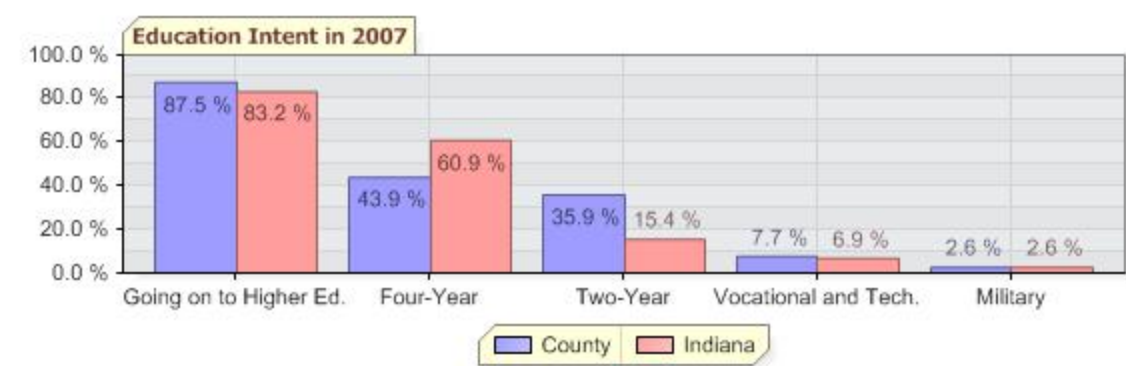
Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	15,292	100.0%	16,829	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,041	6.8%	781	4.6%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,342	15.3%	2,234	13.3%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	7,301	47.7%	8,021	47.7%
Some College, No Degree	2,072	13.5%	3,181	18.9%
Associate Degree	894	5.8%	851	5.1%
Bachelors Degree	852	5.6%	1,014	6.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	790	5.2%	747	4.4%



High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.
Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	87.5%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	43.9%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	35.9%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	7.7%	6.9%
Military	2.6%	2.6%



Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

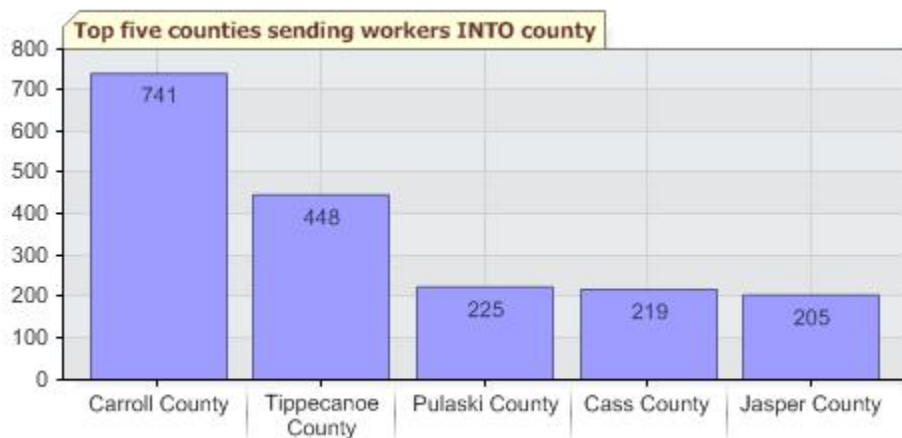
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	17,676
Number of tax filers who work in the county	15,596
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	13,280
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	2,316

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

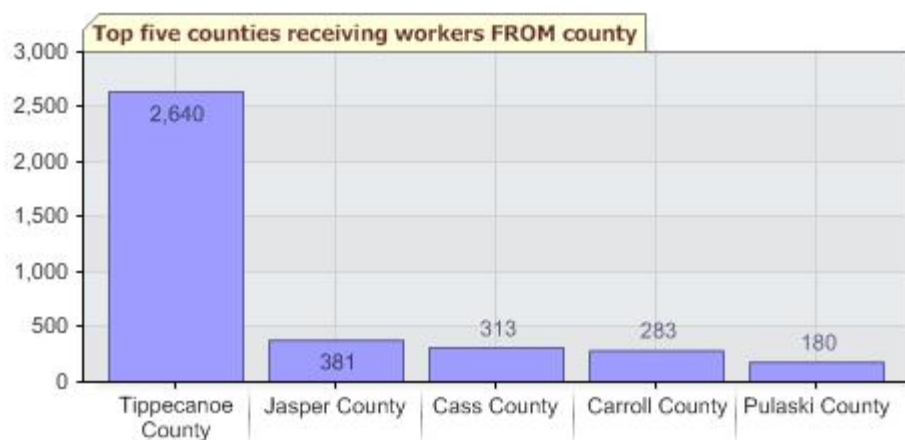
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Carroll County	741	42.7%
Tippecanoe County	448	25.8%
Pulaski County	225	13.0%
Cass County	219	12.6%
Jasper County	205	10.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Tippecanoe County	2,640	69.5%
Jasper County	381	10.0%
Cass County	313	8.2%
Carroll County	283	7.5%
Pulaski County	180	4.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	12,441	100.0%
Travel To Work	11,882	95.5%
Car, Truck, or Van	11,372	91.4%
Traveled Alone	9,726	78.2%
Carpooled	1,646	13.2%
Used Public Transportation	24	0.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	486	3.9%
Worked At Home	559	4.5%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	22.2	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	58.1	

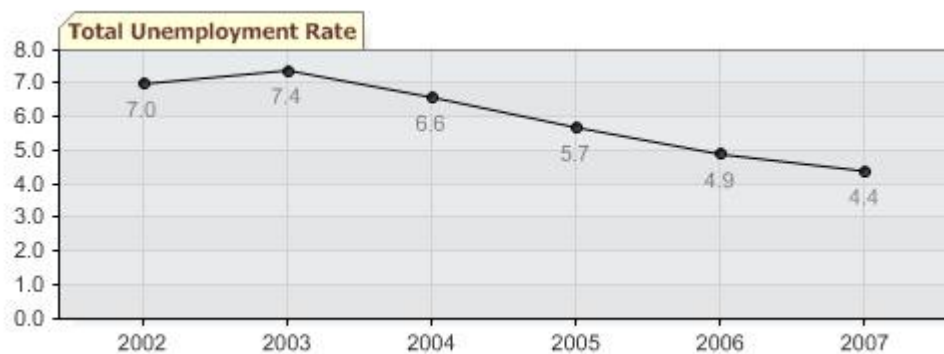
Source: US Census Bureau

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

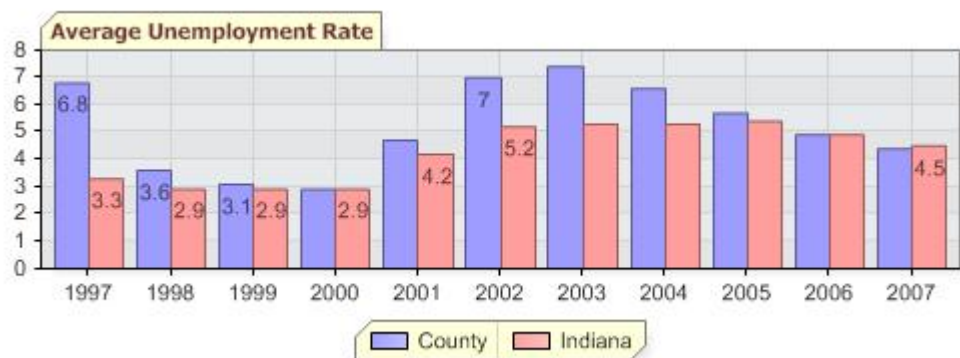
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	12,337	-9.7%
Employed	11,794	-11.1%
Unemployed	543	38.9%
Rate	4.4	51.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	13,046	12,165	881	6.8	3.3
1998	13,707	13,219	488	3.6	2.9
1999	13,810	13,376	434	3.1	2.9
2000	13,664	13,273	391	2.9	2.9
2001	13,400	12,767	633	4.7	4.2
2002	12,859	11,957	902	7.0	5.2
2003	12,297	11,381	916	7.4	5.3
2004	12,249	11,446	803	6.6	5.3
2005	12,241	11,546	695	5.7	5.4
2006	12,156	11,555	601	4.9	4.9
2007	12,337	11,794	543	4.4	4.5



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

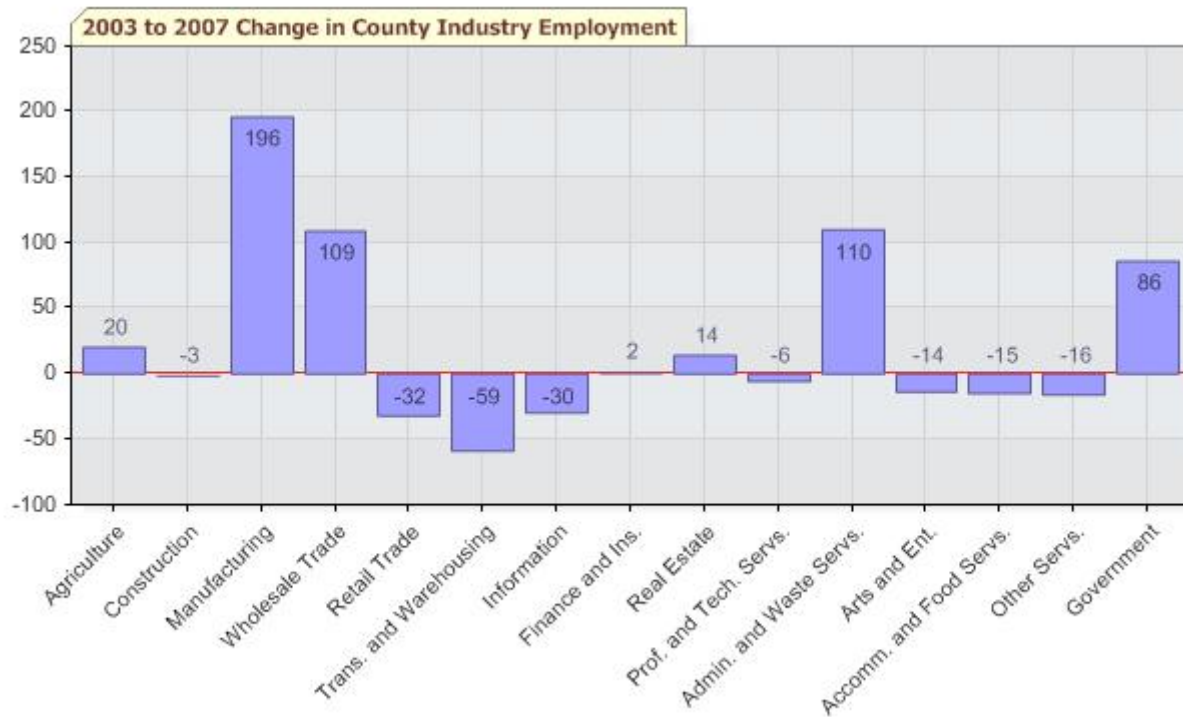
Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	8,362	8,421	8,361	8,395	8,668	306	3.66%
Total Private Employment	6,744	6,802	6,714	6,723	6,964	220	3.26%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	179	187	196	200	199	20	11.17%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A

Construction	345	377	373	375	342	-3	-0.87%
Manufacturing	1,848	1,871	1,878	1,866	2,044	196	10.61%
Wholesale Trade	325	321	327	364	434	109	33.54%
Retail Trade	1,268	1,238	1,242	1,205	1,236	-32	-2.52%
Transport. and Warehousing	268	274	286	265	209	-59	-22.01%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	106	102	88	81	76	-30	-28.30%
Finance and Insurance	215	225	226	225	217	2	0.93%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	35	38	52	50	49	14	40.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	135	127	127	136	129	-6	-4.44%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	220	261	238	313	330	110	50.00%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	589	568	505	519	533	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	309	319	300	285	295	-14	-4.53%
Accommodation and Food Service	614	601	589	565	599	-15	-2.44%
Other Services	175	183	176	165	159	-16	-9.14%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,618	1,619	1,647	1,672	1,704	86	5.32%

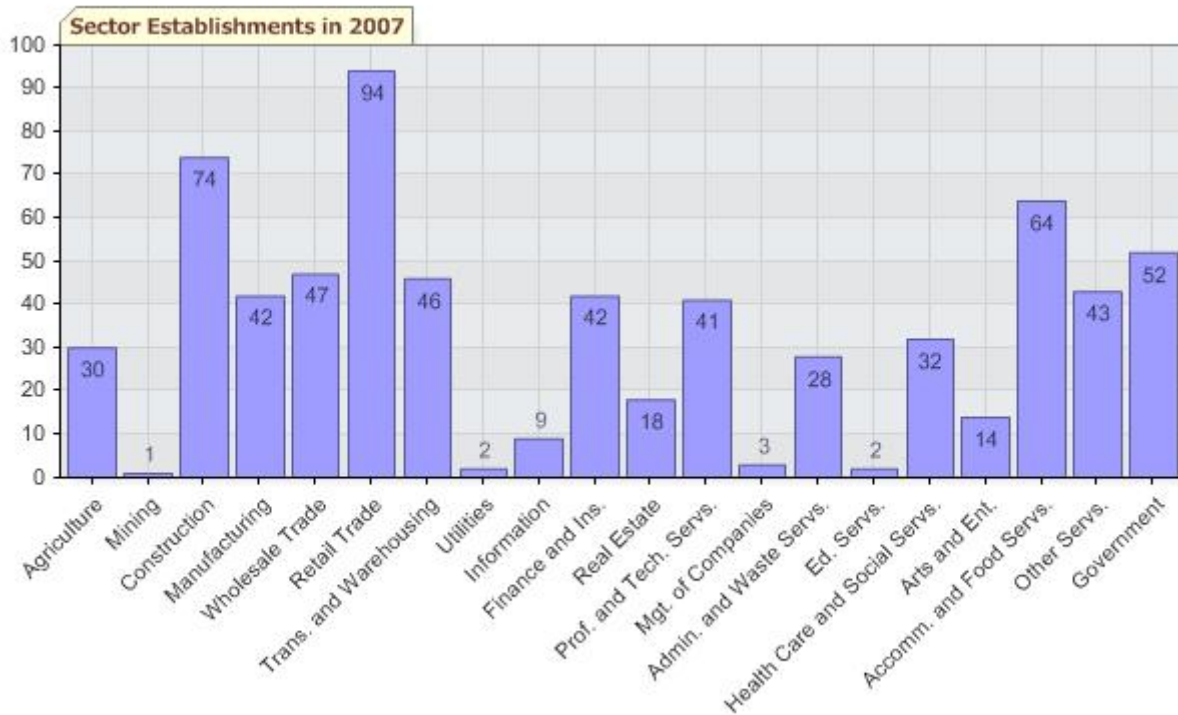


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Establishments by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Establishments	684	670	663	670	683	-1	-0.15%
Total Private Establishments	641	629	620	625	631	-10	-1.56%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	24	24	29	29	30	6	25.00%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	78	76	69	73	74	-4	-5.13%
Manufacturing	48	42	40	38	42	-6	-12.50%
Wholesale Trade	44	44	48	46	47	3	6.82%
Retail Trade	108	104	99	98	94	-14	-12.96%
Transport. and Warehousing	39	39	43	45	46	7	17.95%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	7	9	9	9	9	2	28.57%
Finance and Insurance	41	41	43	44	42	1	2.44%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	15	14	15	17	18	3	20.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	42	39	38	40	41	-1	-2.38%

Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	33	32	29	29	28	-5	-15.15%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	33	33	31	31	32	-1	-3.03%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	15	16	14	14	14	-1	-6.67%
Accommodation and Food Service	70	69	68	66	64	-6	-8.57%
Other Services	41	41	42	42	43	2	4.88%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	43	41	43	45	52	9	20.93%



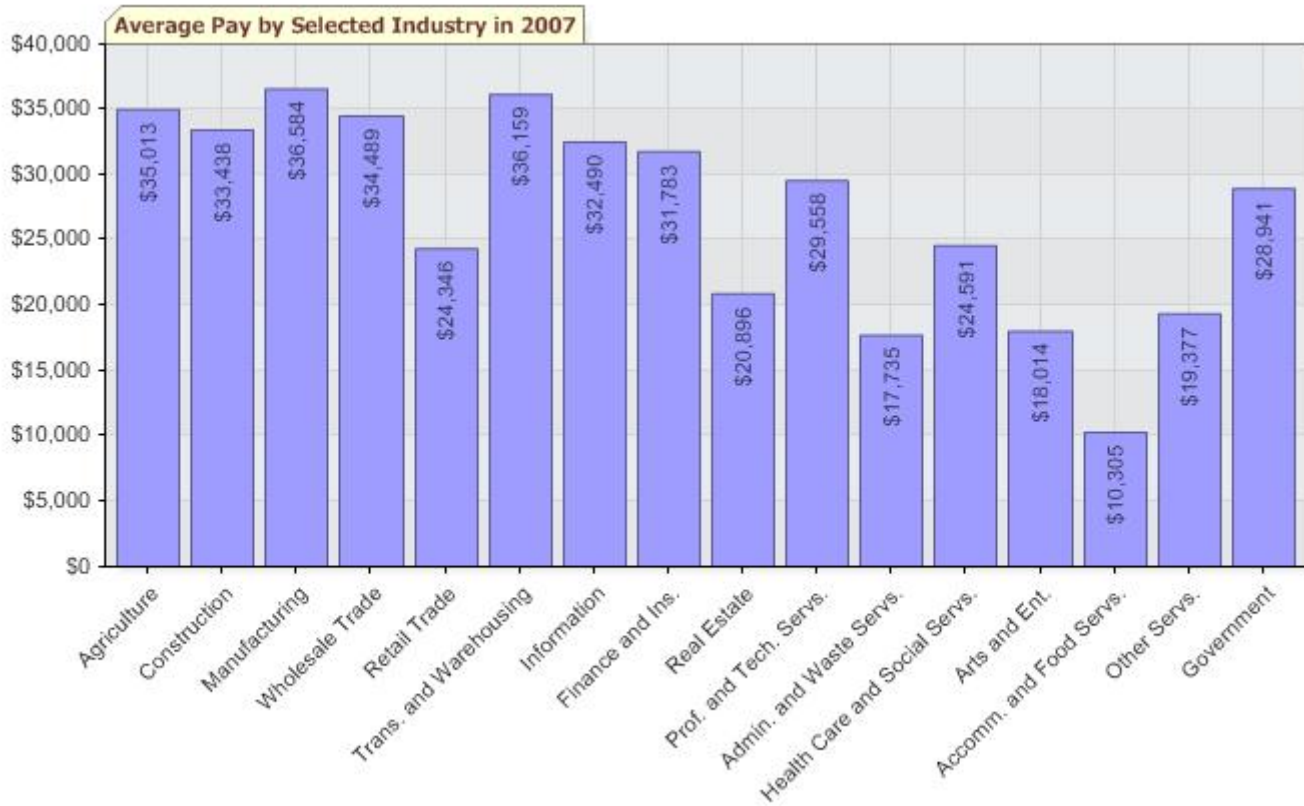
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Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry						
	2003	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007	Indiana 2007	% of State
All Industries	\$25,561	\$28,683	\$3,122	12.2%	\$37,530	76.4%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$27,967	\$35,013	\$7,046	25.2%	\$28,008	125.0%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$25,090	\$33,438	\$8,348	33.3%	\$44,754	74.7%
Manufacturing	\$33,187	\$36,584	\$3,398	10.2%	\$51,148	71.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$35,388	\$34,489	-\$899	-2.5%	\$51,432	67.1%
Retail Trade	\$21,934	\$24,346	\$2,412	11.0%	\$22,581	107.8%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$32,674	\$36,159	\$3,485	10.7%	\$38,012	95.1%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$28,352	\$32,490	\$4,138	14.6%	\$46,311	70.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,202	\$31,783	\$2,581	8.8%	\$52,649	60.4%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$21,758	\$20,896	-\$862	-4.0%	\$32,614	64.1%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$22,327	\$29,558	\$7,231	32.4%	\$51,451	57.4%
Mgt. of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A

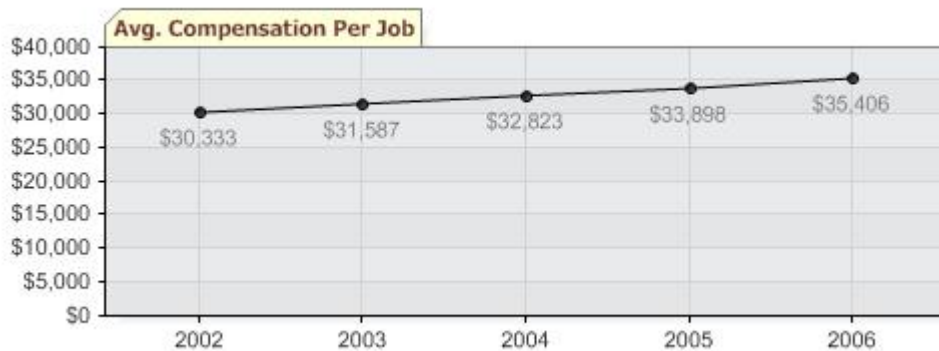
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$18,731	\$17,735	-\$995	-5.3%	\$24,934	71.1%
Education Svcs.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$19,646	\$24,591	\$4,945	25.2%	\$37,706	65.2%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$15,686	\$18,014	\$2,328	14.8%	\$29,251	61.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,985	\$10,305	\$1,320	14.7%	\$12,442	82.8%
Other Svcs.	\$16,221	\$19,377	\$3,155	19.5%	\$24,862	77.9%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$26,946	\$28,941	\$1,995	7.4%	\$37,054	78.1%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$30,333	\$31,587	\$32,823	\$33,898	\$35,406
Change Since 2002		\$1,254	\$2,490	\$3,565	\$5,073
Pct. Change Since 2002		4.1%	8.2%	11.8%	16.7%

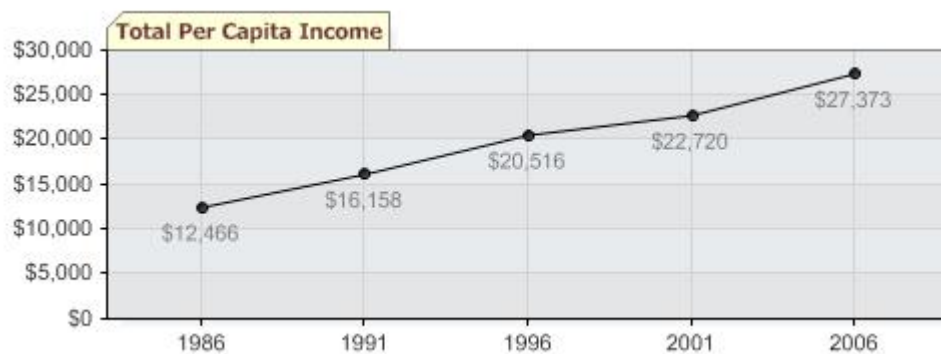


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,466	\$16,158	\$20,516	\$22,720	\$27,373

Change Since 1986		\$3,692	\$8,050	\$10,254	\$14,907
Pct. Change Since 1986		29.6%	64.6%	82.3%	119.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$28,683
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	33.2%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

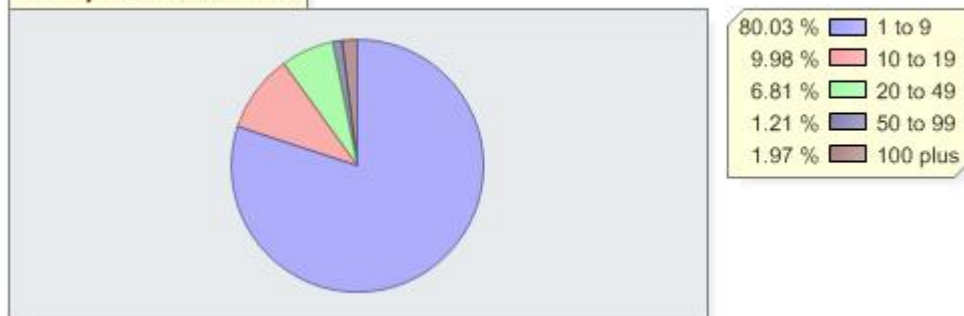
Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	529	-16	-2.9%	80.0%
10-19 employees	66	-6	-8.3%	10.0%
20-49 employees	45	6	15.4%	6.8%
50-99 employees	8	-9	-52.9%	1.2%
100 plus employees	13	-5	-27.8%	2.0%
TOTAL	661	-30	-4.3%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

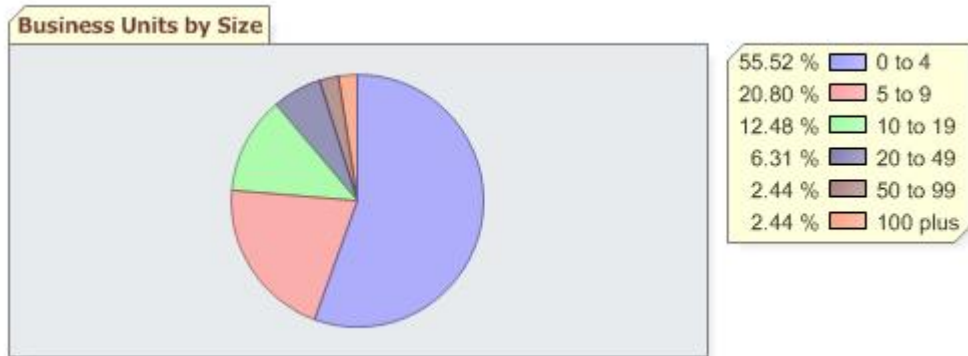


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Firms by Size, 2008:3

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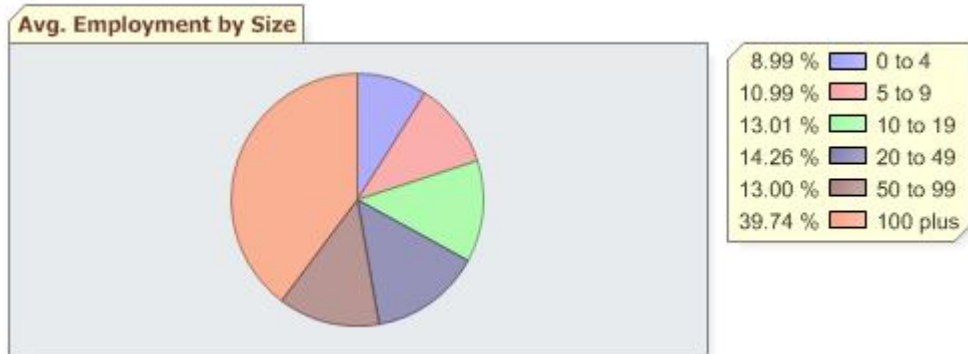
	Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	387	55.5%
5 to 9 employees	145	20.8%
10 to 19 employees	87	12.5%
20 to 49 employees	44	6.3%
50 to 99 employees	17	2.4%
100 plus employees	17	2.4%
TOTAL	697	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	804	9.0%
5 to 9 employees	983	11.0%
10 to 19 employees	1,164	13.0%
20 to 49 employees	1,276	14.3%
50 to 99 employees	1,163	13.0%
100 plus employees	3,555	39.7%
TOTAL	8,946	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.